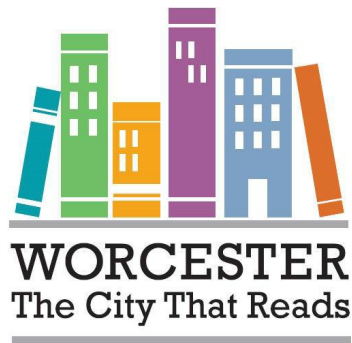


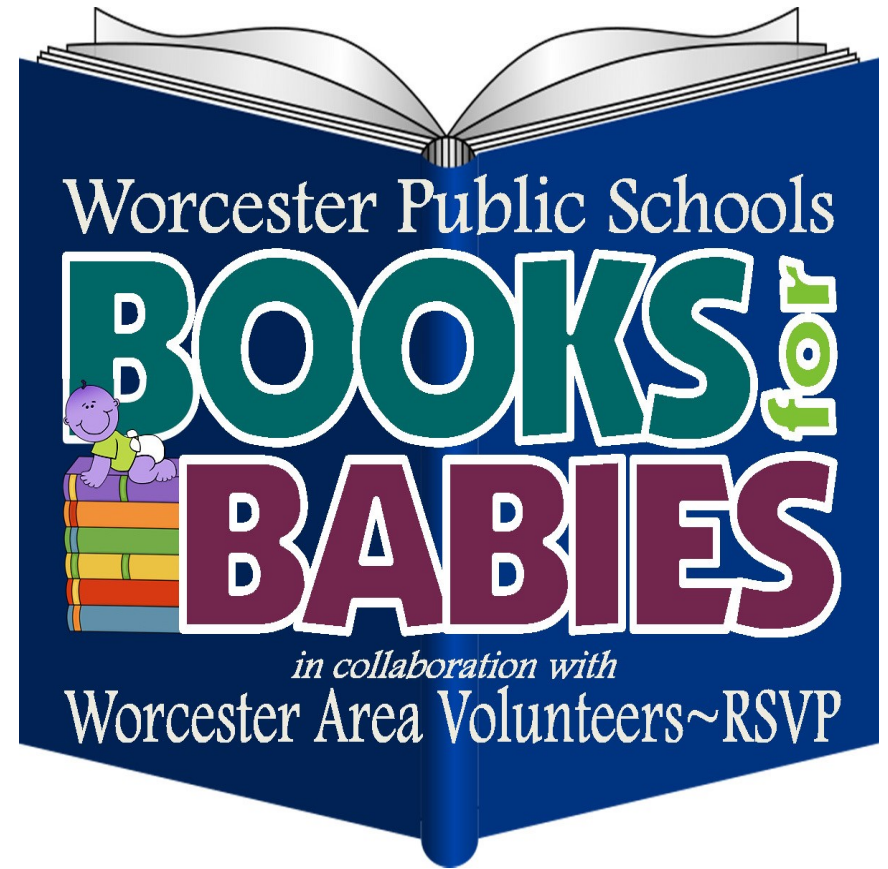
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# An Early Literacy Program for New Mothers

[www.worcesterschools.org/books-babies](http://www.worcesterschools.org/books-babies)

## MISSION

To put an age-appropriate book in the hands of every new mom who lives in the city of Worcester so that she may read to her infant.

## DESCRIPTION

The Worcester Public Schools *Books for Babies Program* is an early literacy initiative for new mothers to help their child be reading ready when they begin their education. Learning to read can start at home long before children enter school. Moms, dads, grandparents, guardians and caregivers can begin to prepare children to become eager readers by using a few simple strategies starting as early as birth.

The Worcester Public Schools, in collaboration with Worcester Area Volunteers ~ RSVP, distributes a new, re-usable bag, full of a wealth of information to assist a new mom with the important task of helping her child acquire the pre-reading skills necessary for a successful start to school.

Annually, an estimated 2,000 bags are delivered to new moms at UMASS Memorial Hospital and St. Vincent's Hospital!



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are made  
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on  
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LAPS  
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parents

~ Emilie Buchwald